

ON O THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF

PATENT ATTY. DKT. NO.: 135248

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kjell Kristoffersen

Art Unit: 2661

Serial No.: 10/719,434

Filed: November 21, 2003

Examiner:

•

:

For: ULTRASOUND METHOD AND

APPARATUS FOR MULTI-LINE

**ACQUISITION** 

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to: Mail Sup AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 223/3-1450, on January 13.

Evan Reno Sotiriou, Reg. No. 46,247

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following are submitted in the above application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

2. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within three months of national, non-CPA filing, prior to first Office Action, on the merits, or prior to first office action after filing an RCE]

☐ 3.		37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action, Allowance, or other action closing prosecution, whichever is earlier]; and			
	☐ a. ☐ b.	The required Certification ma The \$180.00 fee specified in Disclosure Statement is autho	37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of this Information		
☐ 4.	37 CF	R 1.97(d): [on or before issue f	ee payment]; and		
	☐ a. ☐ b.	The required Certification is The \$180.00 fee specified in 3 Disclosure Statement is autho	37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of this Information		
☐ 5.	Certifi	cation			
	☐ a.	communication from a foreign	tained in this Statement was first cited in any n patent office in a counterpart foreign patent		
	□ b.	No item of information contains from a foreign patent office in knowledge of the person significant no item of information contains the second	the months prior to the filing of this Statement; or ined in this Statement was cited in a communication in a counterpart foreign patent application and, to the ing this document after making reasonable inquiry, and in this Statement was known to any individual more than three (3) months prior to the filing date		
<b>⊠</b> 6.	Payme	ent of all applicable fees:			
		Information Disclosure Staten Enclosed is a check in the ame	ees associated with the submittal of this nent to Deposit Account No. 01-2384. ount of \$in payment of all applicable ittal of this Information Disclosure Statement.		
This d	ocumen	t is submitted in duplicate.	Respectfully Submitted,		
			Evan Reng Sotiriou, Reg. No. 46,247		
			Armstrong Teasdale LLP		
			One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600		
			St. Louis, Missouri 63102		
			(314) 621-5070		

PTO/SB/08A (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Complete if Known **Application Number** 10/719,434 Filing Date November 21, 2003 First Named Inventor Kjell Kristoffersen Art Unit 2661 **Examiner Name** 

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet

Attorney Docket Number 135248

			U. S. PATEN	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (# kncur)</sup>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	<sup>US-</sup> 5369624	11/29/1994	Fukukita et al.	
	AB	<sup>US-</sup> 5388079	02/07/1995	Kim et al.	
	AC	<sup>US-</sup> 5469851	11/28/1995	Lipschutz	
	AD	<sup>US-</sup> 5544128	08/06/1996	Kim et al.	
	AE	<sup>US-</sup> 5566675	10/22/1996	Li et al.	
	AF	<sup>US-</sup> 5568813	10/29/1996	Deitrich et al.	
	AG	<sup>US-</sup> 5591911	01/07/1997	Masuzawa et al.	
	АН	us- 5675554	10/07/1997	Cole et al.	
	Al	<sup>US-</sup> 5685308	11/11/1997	Wright et al.	
	AJ	us- 5795297	08/18/1998	Daigle	
-	AK	<sup>US-</sup> 5831168	11/03/1998	Shinomura et al.	
	AL	<sup>US-</sup> 5856955	01/05/1999	Cole et al.	
	AM	<sup>US-</sup> 5882307	03/16/1999	Wright et al.	
	AN	us- 5882309	03/16/1999	Chiao et al.	
	AO	us- 5897501	04/27/1999	Wildes et al.	
	AP	us- 5905692	05/18/1999	Dolazza et al.	
	AQ	<sup>US-</sup> 5957852	09/28/1999	Hossack et al.	
	AR	<sup>US-</sup> 5995450	11/30/1999	Cole et al.	
	AS	<sup>US-</sup> 5997479	12/07/1999	Savord et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages			
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	Τ'		
						E		
						Ļ		
			-			╄		
-						┡		

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Senter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Skind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PTO/SB/08A (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

he Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to resp

A TRANSUbstitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet 2

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known			
Application Number	10/719,434	····	
Filing Date	November 21, 2003		
First Named Inventor	Kjell Kristoffersen		
Art Unit	2661		
Examiner Name			
Attorney Docket Number	135248		

Examiner	Cite	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
Initials*	No.1	Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (II known)</sup>	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AT	<sup>US-</sup> 6013032	01/11/2000	Savord	
	AU	<sup>US-</sup> 6042547	03/28/2000	Wright et al.	
	AV	<sup>US-</sup> 6066099	05/23/2000	Thomenius et al.	
	AW	<sup>US-</sup> 6089096	07/18/2000	Alexandru	
	AX	<sup>US-</sup> 6104673	08/15/2000	Cole et al.	
	AY	<sup>US-</sup> 6172939 B1	01/09/2001	Cole et al.	
	AZ	<sup>US-</sup> 6292433 B1	09/18/2001	Gilbert et al.	
	ВА	<sup>US-</sup> 6363033 B1	03/26/2002	Cole et al.	
	BB	<sup>US-</sup> 6366227 B1	04/02/2002	Rigby	
	ВС	<sup>US-</sup> 6409667 B1	06/25/2002	Hossack	
	BD	<sup>US-</sup> 6491634 B1	12/10/2002	Leavitt et al.	
	BE	<sup>US-</sup> 6497664 B1	12/24/2002	Randall et al.	
	BF	<sup>US-</sup> 6500120 B1	12/31/2002	Anthony	
_	BG	<sup>US-</sup> 6666823 B2	12/23/2003	Yao	
	ВН	us- 6669640 B2	12/30/2003	Bae	
•	BI	<sup>US-</sup> 6673016 B1	01/06/2004	Bolorforosh et al.	
	BJ	<sup>US-</sup> 6679845 B2	01/20/2004	Ritter et al.	
	ВК	<sup>US-</sup> 6695783 B2	02/24/2004	Henderson et al.	
		US-			

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines,
Tillais	140.	Country Code <sup>3 "</sup> Number <sup>4 "</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	\

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 'Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>8</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.